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Response
Election of Species under 37 C.F.R. 1.499

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Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003 for the above-identified patent application, the Applicants hereby submit the following response.

The Applicants hereby submit herewith a transmittal form including a Certificate of Transmission/Mailing, and this election of species letter.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner states that the application contains Group I (claims 1-35) and Group II (claims 36-60), which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The Examiner further states that, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, the Applicants are required to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted, by electing a single species and by identifying the claims readable on the elected species.

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Responsive to the Examiner's request, the Applicants hereby identify the elected species, A', as shown in figure 125, as well as in figures 126, 127, and 128, and as described in the present application, for example, on pages 100 – 111. The present application shall be restricted, without prejudice, to the claims of Group I (claims 1-35), which are readable on the elected species. A' - FIG. 125.

The present response is being sent by facsimile to the central official facsimile number at 703-872-9306, as stated on the Office Action, on December 18, 2003, which is within the shortened statutory period for reply of one month from November 18, 2003.

The present response does not require a fee.

Any inquiry related to the present response should be communicated to Kevin D. Kaschke at the phone number listed below.

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